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Applicant : Vincent P. Walker et al. Art Unit : 3725
Serial No. : 10/799,946 Examiner : Sean M. Michalski
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the action mailed February 13, 2006, applicant elects the invention of Group I.

The election is made with traverse, insofar as Applicants respectfully request that Group II also be examined. Applicants' request is based on MPEP 803, second paragraph, which states that "if the search and examination of all the claims in an application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine them on the merits, even though they include claims to independent and distinct inventions." Applicants respectfully submit that examining Groups I and II together would be efficient and would not unduly burden the Examiner, as it seems to Applicants that the subject matter of Group II could easily be kept in mind by the Examiner while conducting a search pertaining to the subject matter of Group I. In fact, a search of Group I may necessarily include a search of Group II, since both groups pertain to a clip arranged to retain one or more shaving blades on a housing.

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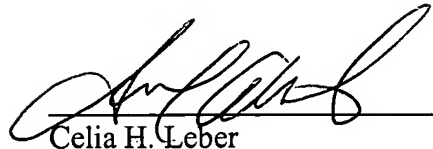
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